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• Comments: to Jenny Salizar
per our phone conversations and
proposed after final amendment see

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Regarding Application Serial No 09/239,878

To Jenny Salizar;

I have reviewed the proposed amendment filed and do not consider it to be allowable over the prior art of record. The addition of the term "integral" does not define that the walls and roof and floor are seamless. It is simply considered to mean that the walls, roof, and floor are formed together securely as a whole.

As seen by the record, Hsu teaches the vault having integral walls, a roof, and a floor, a door and frame within one of the walls, and Trice teaches the use of only one opening. Applicant is reminded that the Guardiani reference teaches a vault having a seamless room having walls, a roof, and a floor. Therefore, the examiner contends that the claimed invention is not allowable over the prior art of record.

Should the applicant file the amendment as proposed it will be entered. However, should applicant file an amendment directed to the seamless nature of the vault the amendment will not be entered as requiring further consideration and maybe further search. Again this seamless feature is not deemed to be allowable in view of the Guardiani reference.

I have fully reviewed the specification regarding this invention searching for features that may be added to make the application allowable yet found none.

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Beth Stephan